

ATHENS RADIO CLUB MINUTES

January 5, 2021

The meeting was held on the Zoom platform and called to order at 7:30 PM.

In attendance: 15.

Fallon, Billy-KN4ZFB
Geeter, Nola- KG4OVO
Hallman, Gerald -KN4AAA
Hickey, Jesse N4JAH- President
Johnson, Bruce,Kx4AZ
Koehler, Phil AF4TQ
McCook, Kathleen- KN4IJM -Secretary
McNiff, Rob (Max)- KO4EEX
McKinnon, Howell- KM4ZXR
Ray, Claude- AC4SH
Redman, Steve-KB6ZXG
Reeves, James - KF4AQO-Repeater Trustee & VE
Rollor, Ed- N4ZRA-ARES
Slutsky, Alan- KA4FJV
Strang, Sam- KN4SPF
Tolbert, Janna-KJ4ESB
Waters, Rick- WA4ERS-Past President
(several members were working the polls for the special election (January 5, 2021).

Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order by President Jess Hickey, N4JAH at 7:30pm.

Officers 2021

Jess Hickey, N4JEH-President
Howell McKinnon, KM4ZXR,-Vice-President
Rick Waters, WA4ERS-Past President
Nola Geeter, KG4OVO-Treasurer
Kathleen McCook, KN4IJM-Secretary

Athens Radio Club Website.

Athens Radio Club Discussion Group.

Old Business

- **Minutes of the November 10, 2020 meeting were approved.**
- **Treasurers Report:**
 - Treasurer, Nola Geeter KG4OVO (e-mail)
 - To come.

Club members expressed appreciation to President Hickey for coordinating the sale of equipment which has made the Club treasury in very good shape.

President Hickey once again acknowledged the Club's appreciation of the donation of equipment from Dr. Keith T. Poole.

Keith T. Poole is Philip H. Alston Jr. Distinguished Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Georgia. Here is his Wikipedia page: [Keith T. Poole](#).

Holiday Meeting was cancelled because of changing dates of UGa game.

- **VE Report-** Reeves, James KF4AQO - **VE Coordinator and Repeater Trustee.**

Examination have been taken by 10-12 and as many as 18. Clipboards, pens, baskets were supplied by the Club for VE use.

- **Winter Field Day, 2021.**

Athens Radio Club will hold Winter Field day at Watson Mill Bridge State Park.
In Comer. Call for Winter Field Day is W4E.

Winter Field Day runs for 24 hours January 30th and 31st, 2021 from 1900 UTC (2pm EST) Saturday to 1900 UTC (2pm EST) Sunday.

- **Repeater Updates, James Reeves, KF4AQO Repeater Trustee and President James Hickey, N4JAH.**

5-Points location-

New Yaesu repeater to be installed with 146.745. Machine will do analog and fusion digital mode. No current plans to connect it to the internet. Need to get a tower climber to tell us what we need. Other than the repeater, which is on order, we should have everything we need. We will probably run tone squelch (TSQL) on the repeater.

(located behind Barberitos on Lumpkin)

Vaughn Road location

145.330 negative offset, 123.0 TSQL. The new antenna was installed today. The bridgecom repeater from the hospital (the old 146.745 machine) will be reprogrammed for 145.330. The repeater will be analog only for the short term. Once it is up and fully functional we will bring looking into making out a multimode digital/analog machine. Next step is to get everything from St Mary's. JAH to reprogram the repeater and get duplexer tuned.

Antenna Structure Registration <https://wireless2.fcc.gov/UlsApp/AsrSearch/asrRegistration.jsp?regKey=2600324>

(440 Vaughn Rd, Clarke County)

Volunteers are needed to take down equipment at St. Mary's. Contact President Hickey, N4JAH.

- **ARES – Rollor, Ed N4ZRA**
Clarke County Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- **SkyWarn**

Has not been activated. Weather has been less furious.

- **Public Service Report**-Bob Herrin, KE4JLL

Future UGa game participation will be under the aegis of the Piedmont Hospital.

New Business

Dues reminder.

New discussion list for Members only will be created to facilitate voting. Discussion group will continue open to all. Dues can be mailed in or paid at Field Day. Here is the ARC membership form: http://www.athensradioclub.org/docs/ARC_MembershipApplication.pdf

Ed Rollor, N4ZRA was thanked for creating BingoNet.

Rick Waters, WA4ERS, Past President was thanked for updating the ARC Website.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Future dates:

February Meeting

February 2, 2021: 6:00p License Testing & 7:30p Athens Radio Club Meeting - TOPIC: "Georgia Death Race Radio Communications Support" Speaker: Jim Millsap (K9APD), Cherokee ARES Emergency Coordinator, COML, COMT, AUXCOMM, CMCP. He is also the Technical Division Chief-Fulton County Emergency Services. [NOTE: Meeting will be online. Link will be sent from the Groups.io club site.]

March Meeting

March 2, 2021: 7:30p Athens Radio Club Meeting - TOPIC: "Athens Radio Club and ARES Members Support of Athens-Clarke County Emergency Management Agency." Speaker: J.W. Thaxton, Division Chief of Operations, Athens-Clarke County Fire & Emergency Services [NOTE: Meeting will be online. Link will be sent from the Groups.io club site.]

April 6, 2021: 6:00p License Testing & 7:30p Athens Radio Club Meeting - TOPIC: TBA [NOTE: Meeting may be online. Link will be sent from the Groups.io club site.]

Submitted by Kathleen McCook, KN4IJM